

Van Buren County

County seat: Spencer

Health Indicators

	SOC* 1996	SOC* 1992	% CHANGE
Percent of total population enrolled in TennCare**	26.8%	27.3%	-1.8%
Percent of births lacking adequate prenatal care	34.4%	45.3%	-24.1%
Percent of low-birth-weight babies born	6.3%	5.7%	10.5%
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Child death rate per 100,000 children ages 1-14	112.0	99.1	13.0%
Teen violent death rate per 100,000 teens ages 15-19	300.3	0.0	***
Teen pregnancy rate per 1,000 females ages 15-17	61.2	52.1	17.5%
Sexually transmitted disease rate per 100,000 teens ages 15-17	1492.5	0.0	***

Social Indicators

Percent of students receiving special education	19.5%	14.7%	32.7%
Percent of high school (grades 9-12) dropouts	6.5%	1.8%	261.1%
Indicated child abuse & neglect rate per 1,000	5.2	14.9	-65.1%
Percent of children under 18 referred to juvenile court	3.6%	0.8%	350.0%
Rate of children in state care per 1,000	8.7	5.5	58.2%

Economic Indicators

Per capita income by county	\$11,101	\$9,311	19.2%
Percent of children under 18 who received AFDC	9.5%	8.0%	18.8%
Percent of population receiving food stamps	13.7%	13.8%	-0.7%
Percent of children participating in the National School Lunch Program	43.3%	44.4%	-2.5%

* Acronym for The State of the Child in Tennessee for 1992 and current report, 1996.

** TennCare data is from 1994, the earliest year available

*** Small number of observations make the percent of change over time inadvisable.